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## **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **SECRETARY JOHANNESSEN WILL TOUR BARSTOW AND CHULA VISTA VETERANS HOMES**

**SACRAMENTO, CA.** – March 4, 2003 - Secretary K. Maurice Johannessen, in his continuing effort to improve operations at department headquarters and throughout the veterans homes, will be spending time at both the Barstow and Chula Vista Veterans Homes this week, March 5, 6, and 7.

Barely a month has passed since the announcement of a revamped management structure throughout the department and at the three veterans homes. This Wednesday, Johannessen will travel to Barstow to continue the restructuring process with the announcement of a new interim administrator, Bruce Janssen, who will begin his new duties at Barstow on Wednesday. Mr. Janssen is licensed by the State of California as a Skilled Nursing Facility Administrator, and has worked in the healthcare field since 1985, serving in various administrative positions including administrator of a 300 bed skilled nursing facility.

While at Barstow, Secretary Johannessen will also tour the facility Wednesday and Thursday, familiarizing himself more closely with the operation of the home while visiting with residents. He will also be staying overnight at the Barstow Veterans Home.

The Secretary continues his inspection Thursday and Friday at the Chula Vista Veterans Home. There, he will conduct a similar tour and briefing of the operation. Johannessen will then stay overnight, Thursday, March 6, at the Chula Vista Veterans Home.

While at Chula Vista the Secretary will also attend the Cal-Vet Board meeting being held at the home on Friday.

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